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#### PERU'S WILDLIFE AND FISHERY CHIEF VISITS U. S.

Commander Juan Bell-Taylor, Director of Fisheries and Game in Peru's Ministry of Agriculture, is visiting the U. S. Department of the Interior and the Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman said today.

Commander Taylor is one of Latin America's best trained and most energetic conservationists and is in America to become familiar with the administrative, research, and fishery development activities of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to Albert M. Day, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Commander Taylor is primarily concerned at the present time with improving the diet of his people through greater utilization of fishery products. Exploratory fishing, improved distribution, and market development are some of the means he hopes to use to improve the food situation in Peru.

At the request of the Peruvian government the mission of U. S. experts was organized by the Fish and Wildlife Service under the U. S. program for scientific and cultural cooperation with other governments. The work of the fishery and wildlife mission is integrated with a food supply mission established by the Institute of Inter-American Affairs of the Department of State and the Peruvian government.

The fishery and wildlife mission is headed by Robert O. Smith of the Fish and Wildlife Service, who holds the honorary title of Advisor to the Peruvian Minister of Agriculture. Assisting on a short term basis were Norman D. Jarvis, fishery technologist, and Ancil D. Holloway, fishery management biologist.

Besides aiding in the solution of operational problems, some of the accomplishments of the mission in Peru include setting up of a wholesale fishery terminal to help distribute fish to consumers, and a technological laboratory for the development of processing and sanitary standards and to aid in increasing fish consumption by Peruvians.

Dr. Hilary J. Deason, Chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Foreign Affairs, has announced that the Service expects to assign additional experts to Peru in the near future to make a survey of that country's fauna and to establish new wildlife management programs. In addition, the Service hopes to award training grants to Peruvian students in marine biology and fish culture in order to provide competent technicians for Commander Taylor's permanent staff.

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